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Fletcher Frame House  
McCoole

1900

The Fletcher House is a frame structure that was originally covered with asbestos shingles. It is a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped facade which originally had a porch with a hipped roof on the main facade. The porch has since been enclosed to create an extra room. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Fletcher Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

Ambrose Frame House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Intersection of Old Rt. 220 &amp; Rt. 135

CITY, TOWN

McCoole

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Ambrose

Telephone #: 786-4261

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. # 3

CITY, TOWN

Keyser

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

West Virginia 26726

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 451

Folio #: 237

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ambrose frame house is located along Route 135 in McCoole, Allegany County, on the northeastern side of the road at the intersection of old Route 220 South.

The house consists of a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped facade. A large two story wing abuts the main block on the rear northeastern side and is a cross-gable portion. The building is a frame structure that originally was covered with asbestos shingles. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table and includes a bulkhead entrance on the southeastern side of the foundation. The roof of the structure is gabled including a soffit and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights, plain trim and shutters on the front and northwestern side. The main entrance is located on the front southwestern face and exhibits a replaced horizontally paneled door with plain trim. The entrance leads to an area that originally was a porch with hipped roof, however the porch has been enclosed and is now an additional room. Two corbeled brick chimneys are found on the structure, one to the interior and one on the outside end of the rear wing.

The house is structurally very sound but the original appearance has been somewhat altered by the enclosed porch and the rear addition of a one story garage and patio deck.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☐ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING☐ CONSERVATION☐ ECONOMICS☐ EDUCATION☐ ENGINEERING☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT☐ INDUSTRY☐ INVENTION☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE☐ LAW☐ LITERATURE☐ MILITARY☐ MUSIC☐ PHILOSOPHY☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT☐ RELIGION☐ SCIENCE☐ SCULPTURE☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN☐ THEATER☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)**SPECIFIC DATES** Late 19th century**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Fletcher Frame House was built close to 1890 as a large, solid structure. Today it stands slightly remodeled with the addition of a two car garage and front covered porch. Many homes in the area that were also of similar solid construction have been remodeled over the years to keep accommodating their owners.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/7/76

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CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-E-021

Liber - 151

Folio - 237

DATE: 6/23/16REMARKS: Drastic, moderate, minor

38 ac

NAME OF PROPERTY: Fletcher Frame HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Intersection of Rt. (Old) 220 + Rt 135 McCo.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthwestNAME OF OWNER: William Ambrose 786-4261ADDRESS: Rt. 3Keyser, West Virginia 26726STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear Wing - For Garage - 1 storyDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(☒) Other: Coverings Asbestos Shingles

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SouthwestHARDWARE: original( ) replaced(☒)PAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANSCARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BARNERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(☒) gable( ) EnclosedCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced(☒)LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(☒) Central(☒) Interior(☒)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - ResidenceSignificance - ArchDate Constructed - Late 19<sup>th</sup>Condition - Good

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition  
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

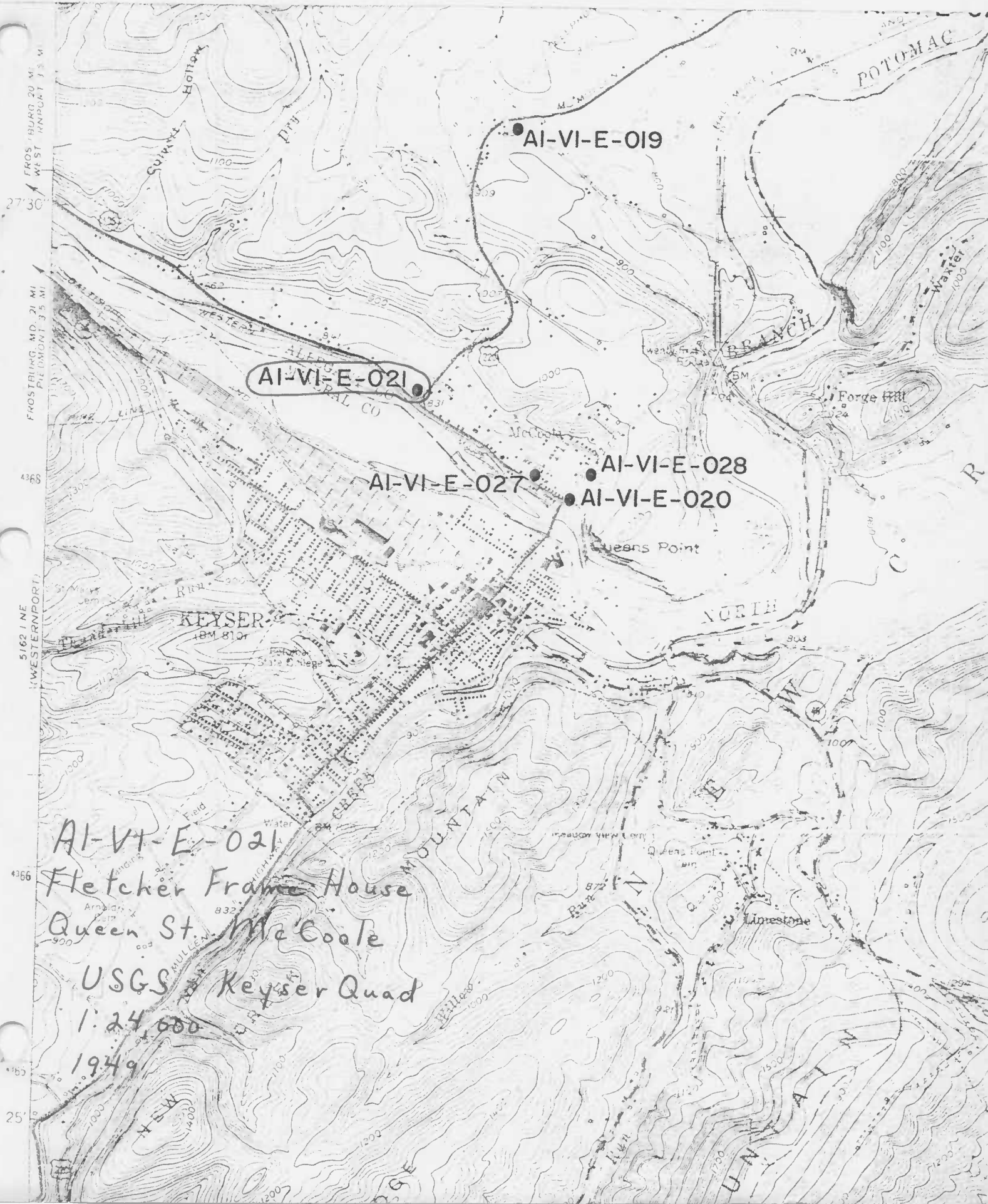
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. NEW PERSONS OR WARD (IF ANY) DO ANY OTHER REARER PERSONS



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Queen St. McCool

USGS Keyser Quad

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1949



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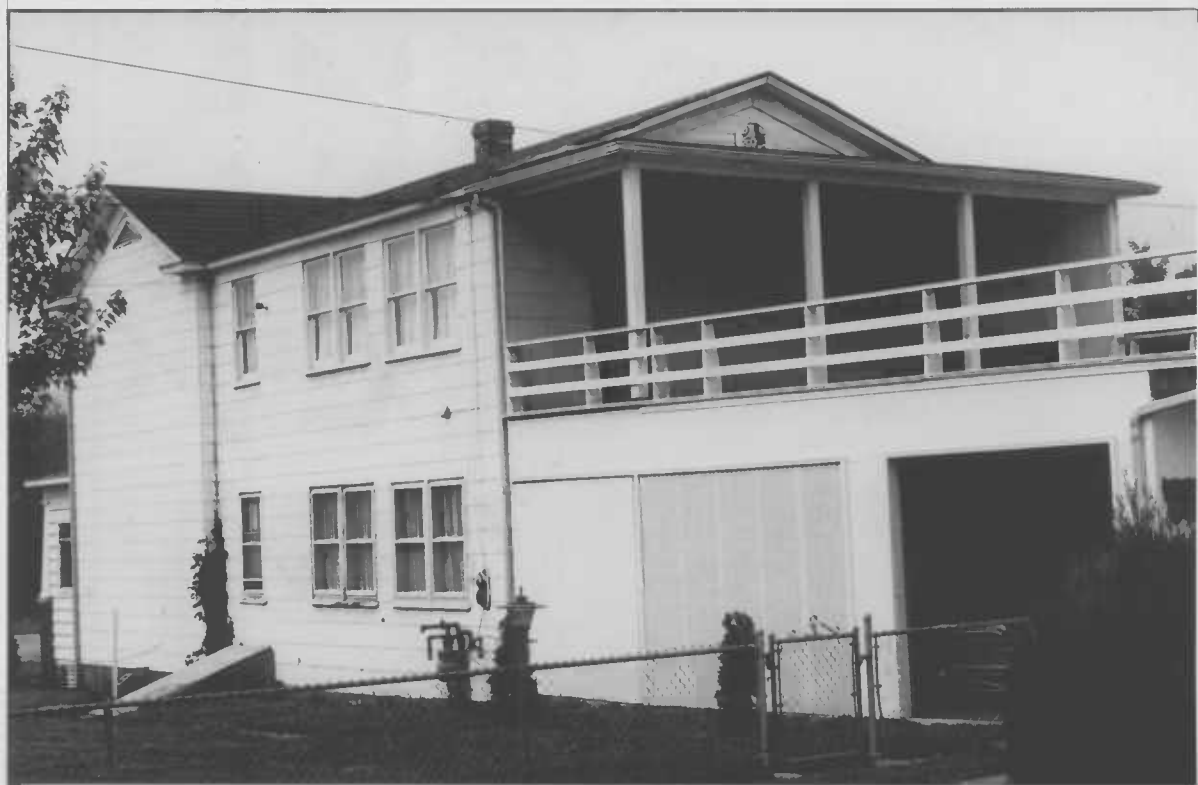
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